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# The British Apollo:

## OR,

## *Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.*

To which are Added the most

## Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

*Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.*

From Monday August 7th. to Wednesday August 9th. 1710.

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Q. BE Ye Wise as Serpents, *being a Scripture Phrase, I would desire to know wherein consisteth the Wisdom of a Serpent.*

*Your Humble Servant*, &c.

*A.* The Wisdom of a Serpent, Worthy our Imitation the Commentators upon this Text of Scripture tell us consists in this, that in all Quarrels and Dangers it is very careful of its Head to keep it from harm; that when it goes to Drink it Spits out its Venom, least it Poyson the Water and so hurt itself; that in order to cast its Skin when it is grown Old, it will Creep thro' a Strait Chink of a Rock and so Rub it off; that it is very Active and Diligent in avoiding being Trodden under Foot of Men. And perhaps our Saviour had also regard to what the Psalmist says of it, that it stoppeth its Ear to avoid hearing the Voice of the Charmer.

Q. Gentlemen, *If you please to give your Opinion, whether one that now enjoys any of the Church or Abbey Lands that were taken away in King* Henry the 8th's *time, may with a good Conscience affirm, he has an Honest Title. Or whether, the Purchaser brings not a Guilt upon himself, by Purchasing those Lands, that were given to God's Glory and the good of the Poor? You are desired to be as full and satisfactory as you can. It may be of great use, and to the satisfaction of many. Your speedy Answer will much Oblige,*

*Yours*, A. L.

*A.* We must beg the Querists Excuse from meddling in a matter of so great Nicety, and so high concern to the Publick, and shall only take the Liberty to recommend to his Perusal, Sir *Henry Spelman's* Learned Treatise, *De non Temerandis Ecclesiis*, the Force of whose Arguments were such, as they prevailed with several Persons to restore their Impropriations to their Respective Parochial Churches.

Q. Gentlemen, *Please to Oblige me with your Thoughts of that Remarkable Passage in my Lord* Clarendon's *History, wherein the Noble Historian gives us an Account of the Appearance of the then Duke of* Buckingham's *Father, to a certain Person, ordering him to Communicate what he told him to the Duke, and endeavor to dissuade him from those Courses which rendred him so Odious to the People.*

*A.* This Story is reported by several other Writers of that time; and tho' it is impossible for us or any Man to judge of the Truth of Matters of Fact of which there are no Living Witnesses, yet considering how circumstantially the Matter is related, and that the Occasion of that Apparition was not a Trivial Errand, but a Business of great and Publick concern, and that the Poor Man who had seen the Apparition gave such satisfactory Evidence to the Duke himself that he was neither an Impostor nor an Enthusiast, we cannot but look upon this as true and undoubted Instance of such Apparitions as are Vulgarly Talked of, and that there is as great Evidence of the Truth of this Fact as the matter is capable of.

Q. Gentlemen, *Whether a Man Weighs heavier when Dead than when Living, supposing he was to be Weigh'd Alive, and immediately Dye without any loss of Blood or any other Accident that might render him Lighter. Your speedy and Decisive Answer is desired, a Wager depending upon it.*

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*A.* Upon Man the Experiment cannot well be made; for to Weigh a Man in a Pair of Scales when he is just upon the Point of Death wou'd be a Barbarous piece of Curiosity. But the Experiment being made upon other Animals will do as well, for the same Reason holds good in all. Dr. *Brown* says, he tryed this upon Chickens and Mice, which he Weighed immediately before and after they were Strangled in Scales most nicely adjusted which wou'd turn with $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Grain, but found no sensible Difference in their Weight, till they were perfectly Cold, and then he discovered them to be sensibly Lighter. Those that fancy Dead Bodies to be Heavier than Living, give this only Reason for it, that the Animal Spirits are Light Substances which bear up the Body, of which a Dead Body being Destitute Contracts a greater Gravity. But if they will grant these Spirits to be material, 'tis certain as our late Philosophers have proved, that they can only have a Comparative and not an Absolute or Positive Levity. Besides in Bodies newly Dead while they continue Warm there remains some Perspiration, which carries off some of the Vaporous and Fluid Parts, and must therefore necessarily render the Body Lighter.

Q. Gentlemen, *A Man Sold his Horse for* 24 l. *and gained as much* per Cent, *as the Horse Cost; Query, what! can this be Solved without the help of* Algebra?

*A. To gain as much* per Cent *by a Thing as it Cost*, is a very odd Phrase, of which we must desire an Explication from the Querist, before we can Answer his Question.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the Reason that I can never see a Handsom Stranger?*

*A.* It must arise, *Madam*, from your not Conversing so much in the World as our Sex. For many very comely Persons have arriv'd to this Nation from *Italy*, *Germany*, *France* &c. Tho' your own Fair Sex, for the Numbers of them, of *British* Birth, exceed by far those of other Countries.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have had the misfortune to Contract a sincere Friendship (as I thought) with one of my own Sex, for I disclosed to her my most secret Thoughts, and she pretended she did the same by me; I being Courted by a Gentleman, who to my great unhappiness, I thought very agreeable, and expressed as much to my Female Confident, she being a greater Fortune then I am (he like a Sordid Wretch that Loves only for Interest) quite forsooke me and Courted my pretended Friend, with all the Passion and Rethoric that he was Master of; and she entertain'd him with as much respect as he would desire, and at the same time gave another Spark so much hope as to believe she would Marry him. And now she gives herself a great deal of Liberty to talk of me behind my back, and told the former Gentleman all that ever I entrusted her with; but still to my Face expresses as much Friendship as ever. Now Query, whether I may (without being thought Envious) let the Young Gentleman (whom she deals so deceitfully with) know of her carriage to the other, and under what Denomination such a Woman ought to past, I being advised by some of my Friends to keep a Correspondance with her, on purpose to revenge the Affront. I humbly desire your Advice how to carry my self towards her as being resolved wholly to follow it and no other. I hope you will pardon the Length of this and favour me with your Answer and Advice in your next* Apollo, *which will Oblige your unkown Admirer,*

INDAMORA.

*A. Madam*, We think it will be best to break of all Correspondence with her, as one (for her Treachery) unworthy your Friendship, for shou'd you continue a seeming Friendship only to betray her, the putting on a Disguise wou'd be a lessening to you and the betraying her, bring you under the same dishonourable Predicament with her self; so in effect you wou'd revenge your self upon your self. Besides the World (who takes every thing by the wrong handle) may suspect your Discoveries, as favoring of Prejudice to the Lady, or Fondness for the Gentleman, both which will not encourage a Credit to 'em; nor will it tend much to your Honor to shew so much Concern for the Gentleman, who by his Mercenary Temper so little deserves it at your Hands. Besides the Event may not answer your Expectation: For since the Gentleman Courts her, only for her Fortune, a discovery of her ungenerous Temper may have little Influence on him. It might be a greater Revenge on on her to promote his Designs, since his sordid Temper may give enough cause for her Repentance after; whereas breaking off the Match, you may shew a greater Piece of Friendship to her, than she merits from you; but we think the greatest Prudence will be expreſt by your Contempt of both, as not worthy your further notice.

Q. Gentlemen, *There being so great a Diversity of Opinions concerning the Nature and Quality of* Cochinele *(now and formerly used in the Dying of* Scarlet*) I could never have any Satisfaction in the matter, tho' very desirous. Some making it an Insect, others a Vegetable. I desire to know which Opinion you think to be most probable, and what it is produced from. Which will very much Oblige,*

*Your True Friend and Admirer,* J. G.

*A.* We have Answered this Question, N°. 31. of this *III. Vol.*

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# POEMS.

Q. PHœbus, *I Lov'd a Lady Fair,*
*Tho' 'tis not many that so are,*
*And what did much my Soul Delight,*
*She Lov'd me too, also downright.*
*Then was I Happy on my Word,*
*Nor envy'd King, nor any Lord:*
*But such misfortunes often Light*
*On Mortals here, as Black as Night,*
*That they can't tell e'er Death appear,*
*What they are like to meet with here.*
*Such is my Case and very hard Case,*
*Which now hath much brought down my Carckass,*
*For I was but a Month away,*
*E'er I return'd all Blith and Gay,*
*To think that I shou'd gain the Prize,*
*But oh! it fell out otherwise.*
*For to the Sorrow of my Soul,*
*This Lady Fair prov'd very Foul;*
*For she another did engage to,*
*Which made me Fret and Storm and Rage too.*
*For when I told her of her Fault,*
*She did my Honesty Assault,*

*And*

*And said I was Inconstant to her,*
*Because I left a Month to Woo her,*
*That she wou'd not, no that she wou'd not,*
*Stay for my Pleasure, nor she cou'd not;*
*Least she was Blown upon, and no Man*
*Does care a Fig for such a Woman.*
*Since she has prov'd so False and Fickle,*
*I am in such a Scurvey Pickle,*
*That Death I rather choose than Life,*
*Except I had her for my Wife:*
*And that I'm certain will be never,*
*So putting all these things together,*
APOLLO, *I intreat of you,*
*To tell me what you'd have me do.*

*A.* In such a Melancholy matter,
We shou'd not look like Friends to Flatter,
And tell thee, thou hast any hope,
To end thy Griefs but by a Rope.
For it looks plainly, do ye see, Sir,
That in her Tail, she's got a Breeze, Sir,
Which drives her on to Taste the Joys,
Of making little Girls and Boys.

But you must be on Whimsies Rambling,
Instead of which your Mistress Ambling;
Fine Speeches Framing 'gainst your Back,
Return'd again, and let her lack,
What she prefers to all your Speeches,
We mean those Lessons *Hymen* Teaches.
Your Wiser Rival on her Fiddle,
Bravely resolv'd to Play down Diddle;
Knowing it was in vain to dally,
Ne'er stood Hum Drum, with Shilly Shally:
But urg'd the *Bona Roba* home,
And that's the way to overcome.

Now since you are so great a *Cudden*,
To choose to give the Crows a Pudden,
Rather than Live an Irksome Life,
And *Tit of Ten-pence* not thy Wife,
You readily shall have our Voice,
For what appears to be your Choice,
Since by your Lines it does appear,
You can of little use be here.

Q. *To you great Masters,*
*I'll tell my Disasters,*
*I hope your Assistance you'll lend;*
*'Tis of a very bad Wife,*
*Who's the Plague of my Life,*
*I'd fain know how her I may mend.*

*She is a great Scold,*
*And so very bold,*
*But what is worse a great Whore;*
*That by her Expences,*
*I am out of my Senses,*
*And so am become very Poor.*

*A.* Alas, Poor *Tom Farthing*,
In Troth 'tis a hard thing,
To Suffer the Evils you smatter;
Both your Wits and Gold gone,
You're past help undone,
Which is all we can say to the Matter.

Q. APOLLO, *your Fame,*
*And Glorious Name,*
*All* Britain *is Sounded about;*
*For the Flight of your Brains,*
*In Musical Strains,*
*And Solving of every Doubt.*

*And what shews your Cunning,*
*'Yond Bant'ring and Punning,*
*Of* Proverbs *you give us the Rise;*
*Their Morals you tell,*
*In which they excell,*
*And how they're apply'd in a Trice.*

*A Saying we have*
*(Whose Rise I wou'd crave)*
*That when little Choice we have got;*
*'Tis* Hobson's Choice *said,*
*Thus readily display'd,*
Your may choose if you'll have it or not.

*A.* A *Carrier* there was,
And at a good Pass,
In the Days of King *Jemmy*, who ply'd
To *Cambridge* with Letters
(And tho' to his Betters)
He thus to their Questions reply'd.

This Parcel you see,
Is directed to thee,
And others besides I have none,
Therefore take it and pay me,
And no longer stay me,
For I am in hast to be gone.

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*SIR,*

THE Letters from *Geneva*, August the 1st, Advise that they Write from *Piedmont*, That the Confederate Army, was advanced our

out of the Valley of Barcelonette to the Redoubt of Vars; That 4 French Battalions and 7 Squadrons which lay there retir'd upon the approach of the Confederates the Col de Vars, and that the latter design'd to Attack there the next Day. The Advices from his Grace the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at *Villars Brulain*, August 11th, are that the Siege goes on very well; That since the 5th Instant they have Fired upon the Place from 70 Cannon and 30 Mortars, so tis thought the Garrison will soon be Obliged to Capitulate, after which tis said they will lay Siege to Aire; That the Cardinal de Bouillon and Prince Eugene have been at Lisle, and that Mr. Cardonnel is on the mending Hand. From the *Hague*, they Advise, That they have recieved Letters from King Charles's Camp near Balaguer of the 12th of July, Importing that they were in Expectation of a Battle on that side except the Duke of Anjou's Army retired over the Segra before the end of that Month. From *Brussels* Tis Advised that the Siege of Bethune is carried on with such Success, that the Engineers hope we shall be Masters of the Place by the 20th Instant; That some Letters from the Army Import, that the Enemy expect the Duke of Orleans with a Reinforcement of 8000 Men, from Germany to relieve the Marechal de Villars, who is said to be going to Aix la Chapelle, to Drink the Waters there.

The Advices from *Plymouth*, August the 4th, are, That Her Majesty's Ship the Kent came in with a French Man of War of 58 Guns and 6 Patereroes, which she took after 2 hours and a Quarter Resistance, that the Kent had 13 Men Killed and 50 Wounded, and the French Man of War had upwards of 100 Men Killed and about the like Number Wounded; And that her Complement was about 550.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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